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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mamoru Higashimura, et al.
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (AMENDMENT "D")

Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, and the personal interview conducted on April 18, 2006. The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expired on April 20, 2006. Please extend the time for a response by one month to May 20, 2006. The \$120 extension of time fee is enclosed. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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